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March 26, 2009

Judiciary Committee

Re: Dr. Reardon

Dear Committee:

My name is John Brandon, and I was molested by Dr. Reardon when I was about 10 years old and in Saint Francis Hospital for a slipped disk in my back. I was born November 6, 1952, and am currently 56 years old.

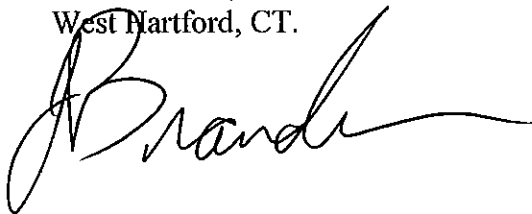
I was in bed, in traction, when Dr. Reardon came to my bedside, unhooked the cables, and took me off the ward. We walked to an elevator, went to another floor, into a room that was fully equipped as a photography studio. It had lights on stands, a camera on a tripod, a backdrop to reflect the light, and a table.

He had me get on the table, and took dozens of photos of me in the nude. He then escorted me back the way we had come, to my bed, and I never saw him again.

I believe that many people at SFH knew what Dr. Reardon was up to. I say this because he came on to the orthopedic ward, past the nurses' station, took me away, kept me for maybe a half hour, brought me back, and was not in any way trying to hide, be discreet, or secretive. He also had a room in the hospital set up as a photography studio, and unless he somehow managed to have the only access to that room, others had to have seen it.

My opinion is that he wasn't confronted because he was a doctor, and in those days the doctors were treated like gods. They were the boss and no one dared question what they did. I don't believe and will never believe that lots of people around the hospital knew something was wrong, and turned a blind eye.

Sincerely,  
John Brandon,  
West Hartford, CT.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Brandon", written in black ink.